

HOUSE BILL 868

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to clubs and other student
activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding
the following language as a new, appropriately designated part:

§ 49-6-____.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Clubs and organizations" means clubs and organizations comprised
of students who wish to organize and meet for common goals, objectives, or
purposes and which are directly under the sponsorship, direction, and control of
the school. "Clubs and organizations" includes any activities reasonably related
to such clubs and organizations, but does not include competitive interscholastic
activities or events.

(2) "Competitive interscholastic activity" means a function held under the
auspices or sponsorship of a school that involves its students in competition
between individuals or groups of individuals representing two (2) or more
schools. "Competitive interscholastic activity" includes, but is not limited to,
cheerleading, band and chorus.

(3) "Parent" means the parent, guardian, person who has custody of the
child or individual who has caregiving authority under § 49-6-3001.

§ 49-6-____.

(a) Each LEA shall annually provide in student handbooks, or in other
information disseminated to parents, information regarding school clubs and

organizations. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the name of the club or organization, mission or purpose of the club or organization, name of the club's or organization's faculty advisor, and a description of past or planned activities. The LEA shall provide a form by which a parent may decline permission for the parent's student to participate in a club or organization designated by the parent.

(b) If a club or organization is started during the school year, then the LEA shall require written permission from a parent prior to a student's participation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.